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1. There is a large cotton weaving and spinning mill 8 kilometers from the center of Tirana. The production per year of the mill is 20,000,000 meters of cloth. It was rumored that machinery for the manufacture of woelens would also be installed at the factory. The technical personnel at the factory are Czechoslovakian or Rumanian.
2. The State Bank, which is the only agency authorized to buy foreign bank notes, pays for dollar notes at the rate of 50 leks per dollar, or 35 "koros" (sic) leks per dollar. With the latter, food and clothing may be purchased at the special stores which have been established recently for the use of foreign diplomats and visitors.

3.	prices of food:
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	<u>Rationed</u>	<u>Unrationed</u>
a. bread (per kilo)	6 leks	100-120 leks
b. oil (per kilo)	<del>250</del> leks	
c. meat (per kilo)	48 leks	110-115 leks
d. butter (per kilo)	600 leks	800 leks
e. eggs (per kilo)	8 leks	15 leks

4. A pair of leather shoes made in Czechoslovakia sells for 1,200 to 1,600 leks. Shoes made in Albania cost 600 leks per pair with coupons, and 800 leks per pair on the open market.

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